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1. Vietnam

Soviet officials have thus far adopted a noncommittal attitude on the possibility of negotiations over Vietnam. [REDACTED]

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Peiping continues its hard line. A key Chinese editorial of 19 February reiterated there can be peace in Vietnam only after "US aggressors have withdrawn."

There have been no new major military developments in North Vietnam or Communist China, although there are continuing signs of a posture of alert.

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2. South Vietnam

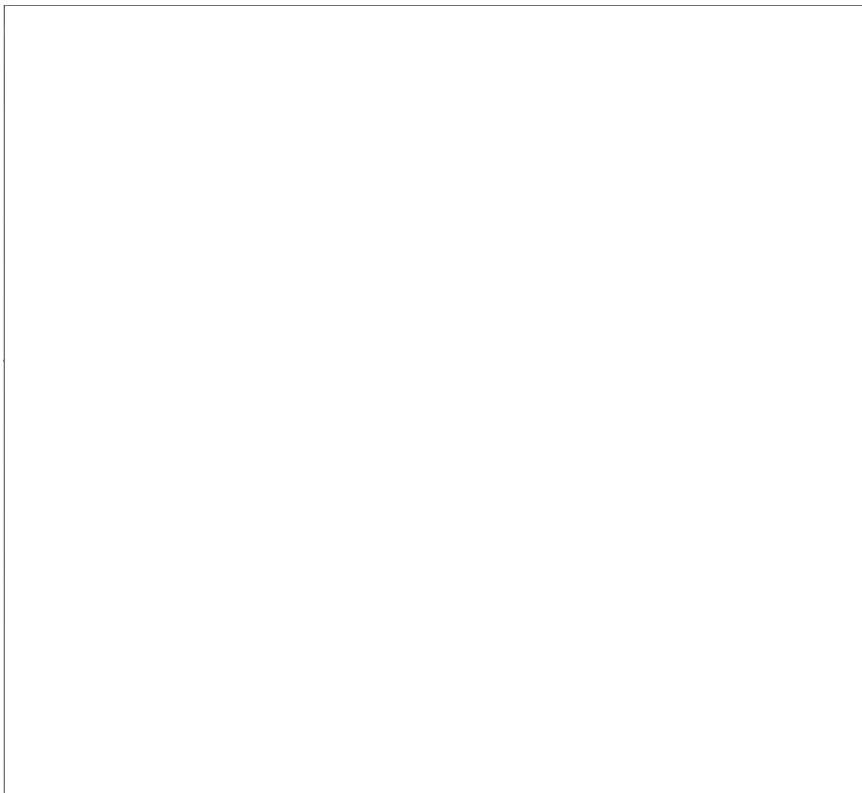
The situation in Saigon remains potentially explosive. Rebel forces led by Colonel Thao and General Phat control positions in and around Saigon, but General Khanh meanwhile is outside Saigon still trying to round up military support for himself and has put at least one column on the road to Saigon.

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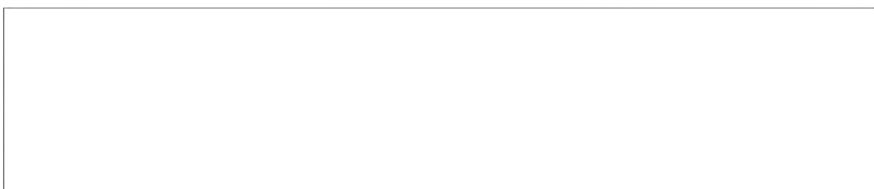


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3. USSR



4. Congo



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5. Cyprus

The next showdown may be nearing.

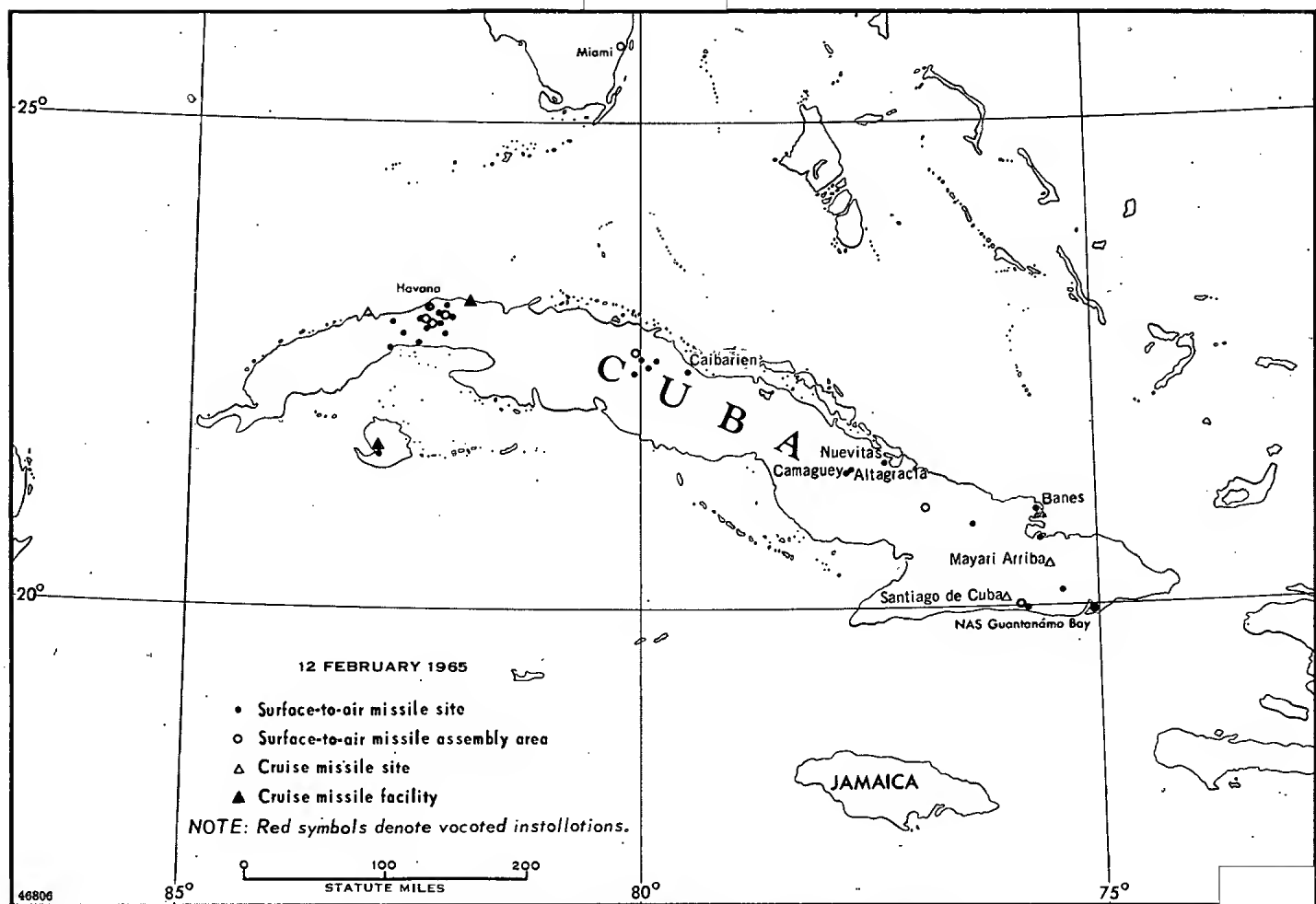
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6. Berlin

The East Germans have begun digging a large ditch, some 16 feet wide and nine feet deep, along the West Berlin border. This vast project will be over 100 miles long if it goes all around West Berlin. The ditch will be bitterly resented by West Berliners.

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CUBAN TACTICAL MISSILE DEPLOYMENT

7. Cuba

Photography shows that cruise missiles have been shifted during the past month from eastern Cuba (and the Guantanamo area) to western Cuba, with most showing up at facilities near Havana. The purpose for this readjustment is not yet clear, but it will leave Havana more heavily defended. Cuba has about 150 of these 30-mile range cruise missiles. (See map.)

8. Dominican Republic



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